

IN THE CLAIMS

1. A tray for holding one or more surgical fasteners,
the tray comprising a base have at least one well therein, one
5 of the surgical fasteners within the base and a film over the
base and the well.

2. A tray according to claim 1 and further comprising a
weakness in the film over the well whereby to more easily
10 allow an instrument to penetrate the film and enter the well.

3. A tray according to claim 2 wherein the weakness
comprises scoring of the film.

4. A tray according to claim 1 and further comprising
an opening in the film over the well whereby to more easily
allow an instrument to penetrate the film and enter the well.

5. A tray according to claim 4 wherein the opening
comprises a slit.

6. A tray according to claim 1 and further comprising
ingress means on the film over the well to allow an instrument
to penetrate the film and enter the well.

7. A tray according to claim 1 wherein the well and the
surgical fastener are sterile.

8. A method of holding surgical fasteners comprising
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providing a tray having a base with at least one well
therein;

providing one of the surgical fasteners in the well; and
covering the well with a film.

9. A method according to claim 8 and further comprising the steps of penetrating the film with an instrument and removing the fastener from the well with the instrument.

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10. A method according to claim 9 and further comprising the step of modifying the film over the well to ease the ability of the instrument to penetrate the well.

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11. A method according to claim 10 wherein the step of modifying the film over the well to ease the ability of the instrument to penetrate the well comprises providing a weakness in the film.

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12. A method according to claim 11 wherein the weakness comprises scoring the film.

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13. A method according to claim 10 wherein the step of modifying the film over the well to ease the ability of the instrument to penetrate the well comprises providing an opening in the film.

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14. A method according to claim 13 wherein the opening comprises a slit.

15. A method according to claim 9 wherein the well and the surgical fastener are sterile.

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16. A method according to claim 9 wherein the instrument is an applier for applying the surgical fastener.